Modernization of CBI

2731. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Bureau of Investigation is being modernized;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) to (c) An Institutional Consultant *viz.* IIT, Delhi has been appointed to undertake a comprehensive study of holistic, well planned and coordinated modernization programme of the CBI.

Under the Plan Scheme of Modernization of CBI Training Centres, an outlay of Rs. 5.40 crores has been made during the Eleventh Five Plan. An outlay of Rs. 3.78 crores has also been made under another Plan Scheme of e-Governance in the Eleventh Five Year Plan.

Development of eastern region

2732. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the eastern part of India has not developed as much as the other regions of the country; and

(b) if so, the action plan of Government to improve the infrastructure of this region, especially Orissa State, without which it cannot attract investment required for holistic growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Backward Regions Grant Fund was launched in 2006-07 in order to address the problem of regional imbalance in the country, including the eastern part of India. The programme has two components. The first component, namely, the Districts Component covering 250 districts, out of which almost one-third are from eastern part of India, aims to fill critical gaps in infrastructure with the involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions. The second component comprises of Special Plans for Bihar and the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) districts of Orissa in the eastern part of the India. The Special Plan for the KBK districts is aimed to bring about overall development of these districts by filling critical gaps in various sectors. In addition, flagship programmes are also being implemented in the crucial sectors to improve social and economic infrastructure.

Provision for disabled in Eleventh Plan

2733. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vision outlined for disabled in the Eleventh Five Year Plan document;

(b) whether it is a fact that disabled are demanding that their issues be dealt beyound the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; and

(c) the reasons for Government not thinking of providing separate budget for disabled for implementation of the various provisions of the Disability Act, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (c) The Eleventh Five Year Plan document is under print. The

Underlying vision for the Eleventh Five Year Plan as highlighted in the Approach Paper is inclusion and empowerment of persons with disabilities. A provision of Rs. 1396 crore has been made for persons with disabilities during Eleventh Five Plan, disability concerns are dealt with by a number of Ministries. However, under the budget head of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, specific allocations are made for the persons with disabilities.

Setting up of sovereign wealth fund

2734. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had recommended Government to set up a sovereign wealth fund to make use of the swelling foreign exchange reserves;

(b) if so, whether Government has accepted the recommendation;

(c) if so, by when the same would come into operation and explain the salient features of the proposed fund;

(d) whether the proceeds deposited in the fund would be reinvested in various sectors of the economy; and

(e) if so, the sector which are expected to be benefited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Mid-term review of Tenth Plan

2735. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the mid-term review of the Tenth Five Year Plan 2002-07 only 14 out of 37 Central Government Ministries were allocating funds under the Special Component Plan in proportion to the Scheduled Castes Population;

(b) if so, whether it did not come to the notice of the co-ordination Wing of the Cabinet Secretariat which is functioning specifically to ensure that Government orders and instructions are followed by all the Ministries in letter and spirit; and

(c) the position at the completion of the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (c) As per the Mid-Term Appraised of Tenth Five Year Plan published in June, 2005 there were 14 Central Ministries/Departments have been earmarking funds under SCP. However, as on 31 March, 2008, 20 Central Ministries/Departments have allocated funds under the Special Component Plan.

Recommendation of National Knowledge Commission

2736. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Knowledge Commission has recommended for closing of All India Council for Technical Education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this recommendation; and